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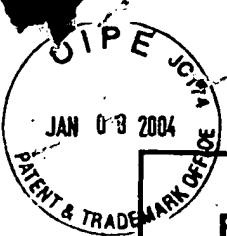
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**REQUEST FOR REFUND
(SMALL ENTITY)**

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| Application # | 10/724,609 |
| Confirmation # | |
| Filing Date | 2 December 2003 |
| First Inventor | KATSUHARA et al. |
| Art Unit | |
| Examiner | |
| Docket # | P08121US00/DEJ |

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C.

SIR:

A full fee was paid in the application within the preceding three months as follows:

Amount of Fee: \$ 770.00

Date Fee Paid: December 2, 2003

Purpose of Fee: New Application Filing Fee

Applicant was and is entitled to small entity status. Therefore, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.28(a), it is requested that a 50% refund of the foregoing fee be credited to Deposit Account No. 12-0555. It is further requested that counsel be advised of the credit and a copy of this request is enclosed for this purpose.

\$ 385.00

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 8, 2004

Douglas E. Jackson
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